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From the Director

My first three months at the Morton Grove Public Library have been great; thanks again to all the patrons and staff for giving me such a warm welcome. I'm pleased to be writing my first Director's column for *Books and Beyond.* In this new year of 2006, we are already putting several new services in place to enhance your use of the Library.

- WiFi is operational. You can use your own wireless-capable laptop in the Library to search the Internet or check your e-mail. Our goal is to make all public areas—including the meeting rooms—capable of receiving an 802.11b/g WiFi signal.
- A state-of-the-art Digital Film Scanner will replace the current microfilm reader/printer. The new scanner will facilitate searching historical documents and, coupled with the WiFi, will make the information portable, since you won't have to convert it to paper copies.
- Six new Internet PCs will replace the four current public-use PCs.
- Thanks to a generous contribution from the Morton Grove Loyal Masonic Lodge 1007, an Automatic Emergency

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China: Yesterday and Today

Sunday, January 29, 2 pm

Sara and Herbert Drower will discuss the cultural, political, economic and social issues of the world's largest country, focusing on Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing. This travelog will address the impact of two systems of government on the world's largest population, as well as modernization, globalization, and financial conditions.

The Magic of Spellbinder

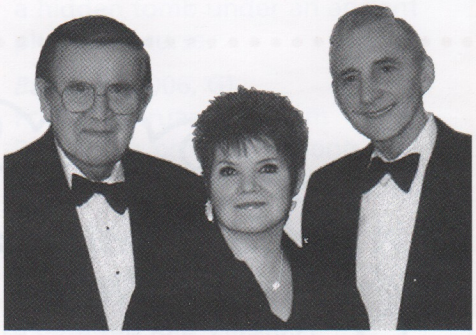
Monday, January 16, 2 pm

Incredible magic is performed by one of America's top illusionists in this high-energy show. Handkerchiefs dance and birds disappear before your eyes. The history of African American magicians is also featured in this fun and fantastical program.

Battlefield Balladeers in Concert

Sunday, February 12, 2 pm

Battlefield Balladeers, a vocal-instrumental duo dressed in Confederate and Union uniforms, perform the music of America's Civil War on guitar, banjo, tambourine, and mandolin, bringing to life the pathos, passion, and patriotism of those turbulent times. Co-sponsored by the Morton Grove Historical Society.



Variety Music: Frank K and Company Trio

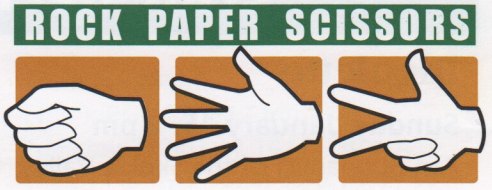
Sunday, January 22, 2 pm

With Frank on keyboard and accordion, Stan on violin, sax and clarinet, and Fran as vocalist and percussionist, you'll hear a wide variety of popular songs such as *Strangers in the Night, Bill Bailey, Beer Barrel Polka, Moonlight in Vermont,* and many more.

Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament

Saturday, January 21, 2 pm
February 18, 2 pm

Come test your skills playing Rock, Paper, Scissors. Registration will be taken at the door, beginning at 1:45 pm; contestants will be paired initially by age. The winner will receive a Book Store gift certificate and a place on our Rock, Paper, Scissors plaque. For Grades 1-12, knowledge of game required.

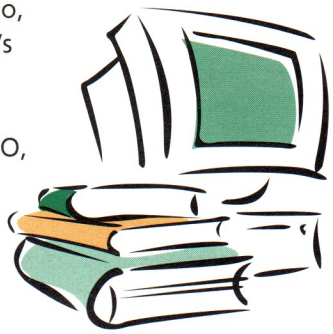


Computer Classes

Individual, Hands-on Tutorials

Morton Grove residents can learn how to use a computer with a one-on-one, hands-on tutorial guided by an MGPL Librarian. Call 847-929-5101 to schedule an appointment for one or more of these sessions:

- Using a computer mouse
- Basic Internet
- Setting up a free e-mail account
- Using iBistro, the Library's computer catalog
- Using EBSCO, the magazine database for research



Tips and Tricks Using Microsoft Word

Wednesday, January 25, 7 pm
Wednesday, February 1, 7 pm

Jennifer Didier, of Directions Training, will present a lecture/demonstration in two parts on tips and tricks using Microsoft Word. Note: this is not a hands-on class. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101, or sign up at the Reference Services Desk.

February at the Library

February is designated as Library Lovers Month, American Heart Month, and Low Vision Awareness Month. Special events are scheduled for each theme:

Are you passionate about romance novels? Looking for new romance authors? If so, you'll want to sign up for:

Love Is In The Air: Finding a Romance at MGPL

Tues., Feb. 7, at 7 pm

Reference Librarian Bonnie Zeitlin will discuss categories of romance novels, noted authors, and selected titles in each category. Door prizes will be awarded.

Jane Austen Film Fest

(See page 5 for movie listings)

Do you enjoy watching the movie versions of her books?

In February, you can watch a film fest of movies based on Jane Austen's novels. Be sure to look for details about drawings for Jane Austen-related prizes.

Are You a Fan of Jane Austen's Books?

Some recent books related to Jane Austen's writing include:

- *Sense and Sensibility, Or, First Impressions Revisited: A Mr. and Mrs. Darcy Mystery* by Carrie Bebris
- *The Exploits and Adventures of Miss Alethea Darcy: A Novel* by Elizabeth Aston
- *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler

Book Discussion of *Pride and Prejudice*

Wednesday, February 8, at 1:30 pm

Did you know *Pride and Prejudice* was Jane Austen's second novel and that it was originally titled *First Impression?* Join the Low Vision Book Discussion group for tea and a discussion of how *Pride and Prejudice* has become her most popular novel.

LYRIC OPERA PROFILE

Rigoletto

Sunday, January 15, 2 pm

Arn Buonamici of the Skokie Valley Chapter of Lyric Opera presents a profile of *Rigoletto.* Verdi's opera tells how court jester, Rigoletto, helps a philandering Duke in his conquest of a nobleman's daughter. The tables are turned when Rigoletto discovers his own daughter is the Duke's next conquest.

Exhibits

January: Windy Brushes shows off colorful examples of painted decorative items for the home in the Lincoln Avenue entry display case.

February: Rachelle Weiss exhibits her unique, hand-crafted fabric artworks in the Lincoln Avenue entry display case. Using unusual and hand-dyed fabrics, artifacts and fibers, Rachelle creates one-of-a-kind wall hangings and table toppers.

Babysitting Basics

Pictured above: Captain Bill Porter of the Morton Grove Fire Department with the graduates of the November, 2005 Babysitting Basics Class. The next class will be held in May 2006: watch for details in the Library and in the May/August issue of *Books & Beyond.*

Book Discussions

All Booked Up

Dreams from My Father by Barack Obama
Thursday, January 19, 10 am

Founding Mothers by Cokie Roberts
Thursday, February 16, 10 am

Low Vision Book Discussion

Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West by Gregory Maguire
Wednesday, January 11, 1:30 pm

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Wednesday, February 8, 1:30 pm

Thinking Out Loud

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
Tuesday, January 24, 7:30 pm

Charming Billy by Alice McDermott
Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 pm

Movies, Munchies & More

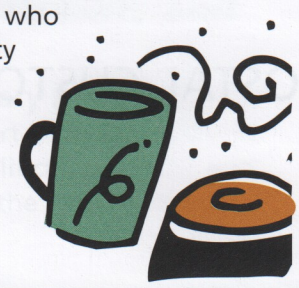
Tuesdays, at 11:30 am

The Library hosts a program that provides entertainment and education, plus light refreshments, every Tuesday at 11:30 am. Film topics range from documentaries to travelogs; live presentations include speakers on topics of popular interest and musical performances. You can bring your lunch or just enjoy coffee and munchies. Programs for January and February include:

FILM: MAME (1991, 132 MIN.)

Tuesday, January 17, 11:30 am

Lucille Ball and Beatrice Arthur star in this musical set in 1928 about a 10-year-old boy, who goes to live with his eccentric, sophisticated aunt – a lady who throws a party for any occasion or non-occasion that comes to mind.



THE CHU CHIN CHOW ROAD SHOW: AN AUNTIE MAME TRAVELOGUE

Tuesday, January 24, 11:30 am

Historian Richard Klein presents an illustrated travelogue based on *Auntie Mame* (the novel, play, and movie musical) and on the life of her creator, Patrick Dennis. This presentation is a tapestry of travel, history, popular culture, nostalgia, literature, biography, fashion and show biz.

FILM: MANSFIELD PARK (1999, PG-13, 112 MIN.)

Tuesday, February 14, 11:30 am

See page 5 for details

SWITZERLAND: A TRAVELOG

Tuesday, February 28, 11:30 am

Myrla and Tom Brand present a slide talk about Switzerland. They'll tell you about this land of four cultures, its cheese, chocolate, watches, Swiss Army knives and alphorns. See the parade of cows returning from summer mountain pastures, the architecture, food and spectacular scenery.

Wired The Teen Corner

Grab a friend and come to the Library to see these films. See film descriptions on page 5.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (2005, PG, 119 min.)
Saturday, January 28, 2 pm

Clueless (1995, PG-13, 97 min.)
Saturday, February 4, 2 pm

Club Banzai, Animé Film: *Twelve Kingdoms: Sea of Wind, The Shore of the Maze, Ch. 5: Forgotten* (2004, Ages 13 and up, 100 min.)
Monday, February 6, 7 pm

Films, continued from page 5:

society, but manages to enlighten them as well. Cast: Embeth Davidtz, Jonny Lee Miller, Alessandro Nivola, Frances O'Connor, Harold Pinter.

Bride and Prejudice
(2005, PG-13, 111 minutes)
Thursday, February 16, 2 & 7 pm
See description listing for feature films

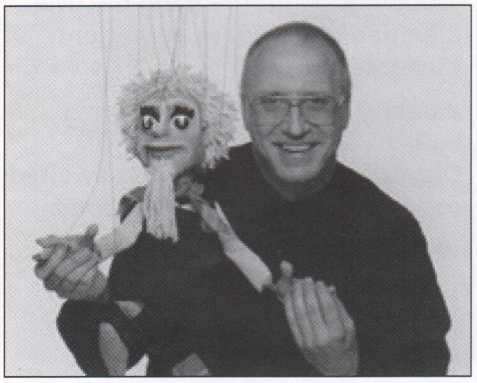
Emma (1996, PG, 121 minutes)
Thursday, February 23, 2 pm
Emma Woodhouse (Gwyneth Paltrow) is a young woman who, having engineered the marriage of her companion, turns her attention to making a match for the local vicar and her new protégée, Harriet Smith. Mr. Knightley watches her behavior with wry amusement and sometimes anger. Cast: Toni Collette, Alan Cumming, Ewan McGregor, Jeremy Northam, Greta Scacchi.

I Have Found It
(2005, NR, 150 minutes)
Saturday, February 25, 2 pm
This Bollywood adaptation of *Sense and Sensibility* has beautiful costuming and scenery. Rich and pampered sisters, Sawmya and Meenaskshi, are looking for true love. While Sawmya grudgingly places family responsibilities ahead of romance, Meenakshi yearns for a white knight.

Lego Bonanza with Lego Lady Beth Weis

Saturday, January 28, 2 pm

Fantastic fun is built in this Lego extravaganza featuring 300 lbs. of Lego bricks and pieces used to build an amazing 10-foot wide Lego tower. Drop in and help build, or stay and watch the whole project go up. No registration is required.



Dave Herzog's Marionettes

Saturday, February 11, 2 pm

The Fur and Feather Follies features the amazing skills of award-winning puppeteer Dave Herzog. It is show time in the animal kingdom and the animals entertain with songs, dancing, and all sorts of tricks. There is even a marionette that roller-skates!

Toothy Story Time

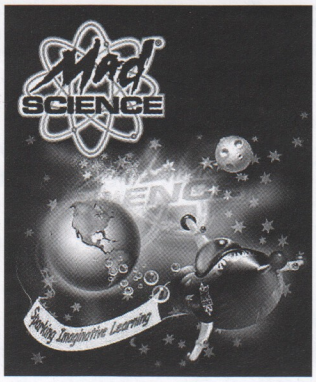
Wednesday, February 15, 10 am
Thursday, February 16, 6:30 pm

Celebrate Dental Health Month with stories and a visit from dental hygienist Kim Yaras, who will use puppets to discuss going to the dentist, nutrition, and taking care of your teeth. Parents and children of all ages are invited.

Mad Science

Monday, February 20, 2 pm

Mad Science will explore the spectacular aspects of science with bubbling potions, chemical magic and much more. The tricks that science can perform spark the imagination and curiosity of children, while instilling a clearer understanding of what science is all about and how it affects the world around us.



Something for ALL ages!
Continuing programs – no registration needed.

Listen Up! – Drop-in Story time for preschool children and their caregivers. Tuesdays at 10 am.
This is a great way to introduce children to group play. Stories and activities will be selected to develop an early love of reading.

NEW! Hello, World! A Multicultural Story Time
Explore exciting new stories and fun activities from around the world. All stories are read in native languages and will be translated into English. All ages will enjoy this free ticket for a trip around the world! Please join us in Youth Services every Wednesday in January and February at 3:45. Drop-in, for all ages.

Chess Club will not meet in January and February, but the chess boards are always available for in-library use, as well as other board games and puzzles.

Thursday
NEW CSI: Creative Science Investigators
3:45- 4:45 pm Beginning 1/5
Seniors – Grades 4-6 meet 1/5; 1/19; 2/2; 2/16
Juniors – Grades 1-3 meet 1/12; 1/26; 2/9; 2/23
Come to the Creative Science Investigators (Junior or Senior) to learn the tricks of the trade! Learn to find fingerprints, make air cannons and balloon kebabs. Get pinky power!

Drama Club
For ages 6-12, Drop-in. 1st and 3rd Fridays, 4-5 pm.
Future actors may practice their acting skills while performing stories from children's books.

Wee Read Lapsit Program for ages 0-24 months.
Hear songs, stories and enjoy playtime every Friday at 11 am. Also offered on Saturdays, January 28 and February 25.

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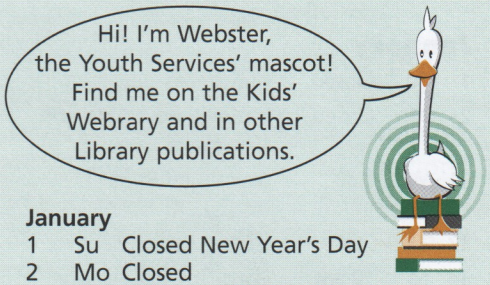

January

1	Su	Closed	New Year's Day
2	Mo	Closed	
4	We	3:45	Hello, World!
5	Th	3:45-4:45	CSI, Sr. Gr. 4-6
6	Fr	4-5	Drama Club
11	We	3:45	Hello, World!
12	Th	3:45-4:45	CSI, Jr. Gr. 1-3
13	Fr	4-5	Kidz Kartoonz
14	Sa	10-4	Crafty Saturday – Drop-In
16	Mo	2 pm	Magic of Spellbinder
18	We	3:45	Hello, World!
19	Th	3:45-4:45	CSI, Sr. Gr. 4-6
20	Fr	4-5	Drama Club
21	Sa	2 pm	Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament
25	We	3:45	Hello, World!
26	Th	3:45-4:45	CSI, Jr. Gr. 1-3
28	Sa	2 pm	Lego Bonanza

February

1	We	3:45	Hello, World!
2	Th	3:45-4:45	CSI, Sr. Gr. 4-6
3	Fr	4-5	Drama Club
8	We	3:45	Hello, World!
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11	Sa	2 pm	Dave Herzog's Marionettes
15	We	10 am	Toothy Story Time
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16	Th	6:30	Toothy Story Time
17	Fr	4-5	Drama Club
18	Sa	2 pm	Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament
20	Mo	2 pm	Mad Science
22	We	3:45	Hello World!
23	Th	3:45-4:45	CSI, Jr. Gr. 1-3

Youth Services Classes
Winter Session runs from January 9 – March 3. Call 847-929-5102 or stop by the Youth Services Desk to register for:

Library Playtime
2-Year-Olds & Parents or Caregivers
Thursdays, 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3 – Kindergarten (no underage siblings please):
Wednesdays, 10 am
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1 – 2; Class limit – 12
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Family Storytime
Stories, Songs and a Craft
All Ages
Thursdays, 6:30 pm

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CALENDAR

January

1	Su	Closed	New Year's Day
2	Mo	Closed	National observance of New Year's
11	We	1:30	Low Vision Book Discussion
12	Th	7:30	Library Board Meeting
14	Sa	10 am	Film: *The Real Aviator*
14	Sa	2 pm	Film: *The Aviator*
15	Su	2 pm	Lyric Opera Profile
17	Tu	11:30	Film: *Mame*
19	Th	10 am	All Booked Up Discussion
19	Th	2 & 7	Feature Film: *The Interpreter*
22	Su	2 pm	*Frank K Trio Concert*
24	Tu	11:30	*Auntie Mame Travelog*
24	Tu	7:30	Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion
25	We	7 pm	*Tips & Tricks Using Microsoft Word:* reg. req.
28	Sa	2 pm	Film: *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*
29	Su	2 pm	*China: Yesterday and Today*

February

1	We	7 pm	*Tips & Tricks Using Microsoft Word:* reg. req.
2	Th	2 pm	Film: *Sense & Sensibility*
4	Sa	2 pm	Film: *Clueless*
6	Mo	7 pm	Club Banzai Animé Film
7	Tu	7 pm	*Love Is In The Air:* reg. req.
8	We	1:30	Low Vision Book Discussion
9	Th	2 pm	Film: *Persuasion*
9	Th	7:30	Library Board Meeting
12	Su	2 pm	*Battlefield Balladeers Concert*
14	Tu	11:30	Film: *Mansfield Park*
16	Th	10 am	All Booked Up Book Discussion
16	Th	2 & 7	Feature Film: *Bride & Prejudice*
19	Su	2 pm	Lyric Opera Profile
23	Th	2 pm	Film: *Emma*
25	Sa	2 pm	Film: *I Have Found It!*
28	Tu	11:30	*Switzerland Travelog*
28	Tu	7:30	Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion

Coming Sunday, March 5: Out of the Loop: Barbershop Quartet.

Check out our complete calendar on the Web at: www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

FILMS ABOUT HOWARD HUGHES

Howard Hughes: The Real Aviator
(2004, NR, 170 minutes)
Saturday, January 14, 10 am
Using Howard Hughes' own words, through memos, interviews and conversations, this documentary tells the life story of the man who broke aviation records, survived three plane crashes, and built RKO studios.

The Aviator (2004, 170 min. PG-13)
Saturday, January 14, 2 pm
Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett and Kate Beckinsale star in this award-winning film about the legendary Howard Hughes.

FEATURE FILMS

The Interpreter
(2005, PG-13, 129 min.)
Thursday, January 19, 2 & 7 pm
In one of the hidden corridors of power at UN headquarters, translator Silvia Broome (Nicole Kidman) overhears a potentially explosive secret about a planned assassination. But, when federal agent Tobin Keller investigates her claim, the question arises: is she a victim or a suspect? Cast: Sean Penn, Catherine Keener, Jesper Christiansen.

Bride and Prejudice
(2005, PG-13, 111 minutes)
Thursday, February 16, 2 & 7 pm
This Bollywood version of *Pride and Prejudice* features music and dance, gorgeous costumes, and sets and scenery in India and the United States. In Ammritsar, Mrs. Bakshi sets out to find matches for her four daughters. The second sister, Lalita, meets an American, Will Darcy.

TEEN FILMS

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
(2005, PG, 119 min.)
Saturday, January 28, 2 pm
This film tells the story of a special summer in the lives of four lifelong friends who are separated for the first time. The young women find a pair of jeans that fits each of them and they decide to use the pants as a way of staying connected.

Clueless (1995, PG-13, 97 min.)
Saturday, February 4, 2 pm
See description in listings for Jane Austen film fest

Club Banzai, Animé Film: *Twelve Kingdoms: Sea of Wind, The Shore of the Maze, Ch. 5: Forgotten*
Monday, February 6, 7 pm
(2004, Ages 13 and up, 100 min.)
Taiki must choose the new ruler of Tai, but no one he meets seems to invoke any sign from the heavens.

KIDZ KARTOONZ

Where's My Mummy? (2005, G)
Friday, January 13, 4 pm
Scooby Doo and the gang discover a hidden tomb under an ancient pharaoh's curse.

Bambi II (2006, G)
Friday, February 10, 4 pm
Disney has produced a long-awaited sequel to the 1942 classic, *Bambi.*

JANE AUSTEN FILM FEST

Sense and Sensibility
(1995, PG, 136 min.)
Thursday, February 2, 2 pm
The Dashwood sisters, sensible Eleanor and passionate Marianne, find their chances at marriage seemingly doomed by their family's sudden loss of fortune. Cast: Emma Thompson, Hugh Grant, Kate Winslet, Alan Rickman and Harriet Walker.

Clueless (1995, PG-13, 97 min.)
Saturday, February 4, 2 pm
Loosely based on Jane Austen's classic, *Emma,* Alicia Silverstone stars as Cher, a high school teenager in Beverly Hills, who helps others with their relationships and self-esteem as a cover for her own loneliness.

Persuasion (1995, PG, 104 min.)
Thursday, February 9, 2 pm
In the past, a scheming socialite thwarted the love affair of Anne and Wentworth. Eight years later, Anne is considered a spinster and Wentworth returns to find Anne's once-rich family on the brink of bankruptcy. Will their second chance at love be ruined by the social conventions that destroyed it before? Or will their hearts be persuaded by rules of their own?

Mansfield Park
(1999, PG-123, 112 minutes)
Tuesday, February 14, 11:30 am
When Fanny Price is sent away to live with her rich cousins, she's supposed to learn the ways of proper

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